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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Leslie B. Shutts, et al.

For: STRIPPING TOOL FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 14 - pages of specification.
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ 3 - sheets of drawing (informal).
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to: Connectool Inc.
- ☐ A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ Attorney's assertion to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27
- ☐ Applicant's Non-Publication Request
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Sir:

Filed herewith is a new U. S. Patent Application in the name of Leslie B. Shutts, et al., entitled "STRIPPING TOOL FOR FIBER OPTIC CABLES" (18 claims, of which one is in independent form; 3 sheets of drawings).

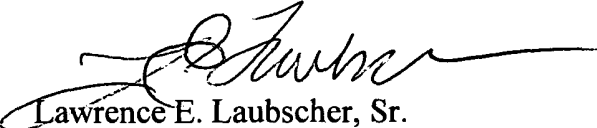
Also filed herewith for recordation by the Assignment Branch is an Assignment of the application to:

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The undersigned attorney hereby asserts that Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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